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## \* What is the role of the MN State Demographic Center?

- Analyze, interpret and distribute data from state, U.S. Census Bureau and other sources
- Create population estimates and projections
- Serve as a liaison to the Census Bureau
- Offer data and technical assistance to legislators, all levels of government, organizations and citizens across the state
- Monitor trends and help MN to make data-informed decisions



# Topics for today



# 3 big

demographic trends

Your questions and insights



#### Trend #1:

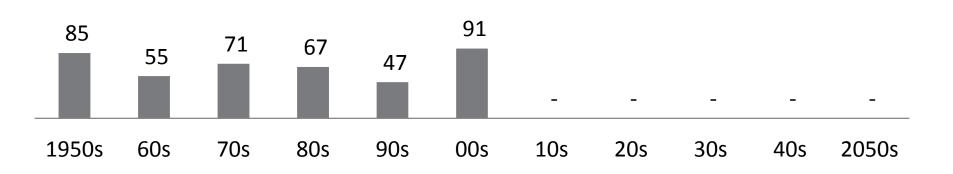
Population aging is beginning to affect MN and the nation



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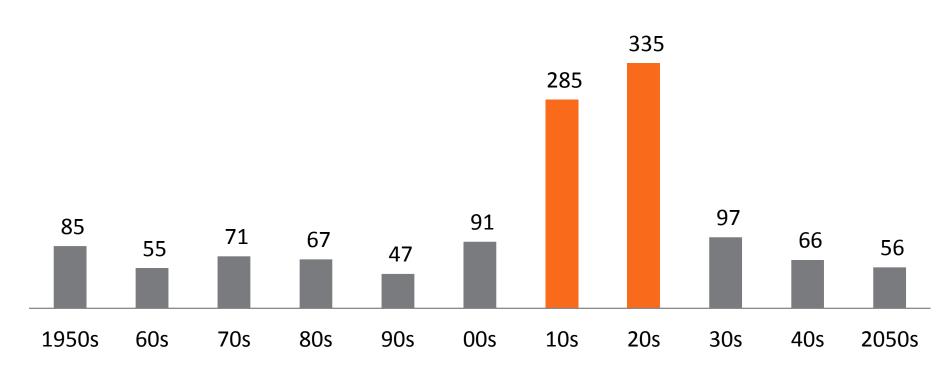


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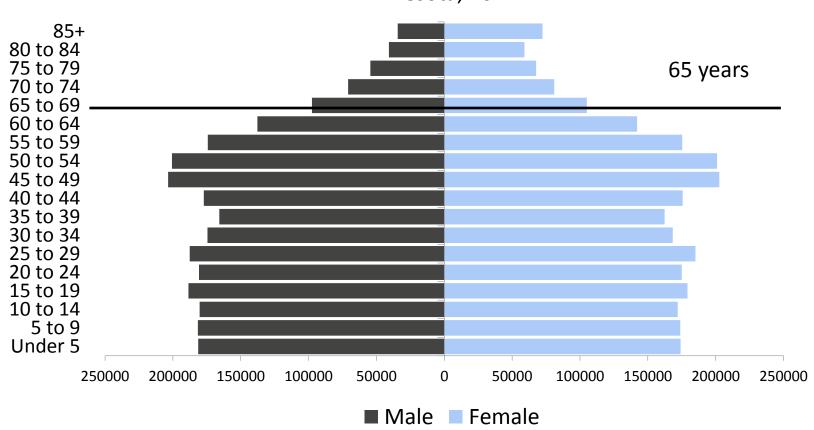
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## Why are these changes so marked now?

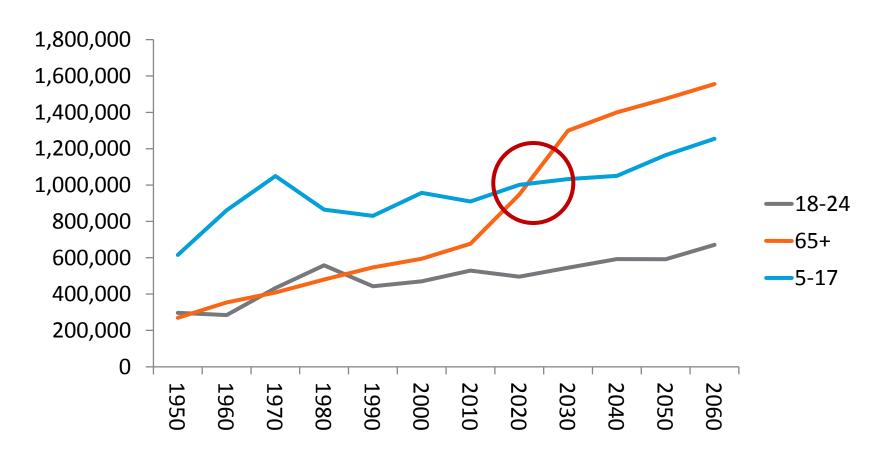


Minnesota, 2012

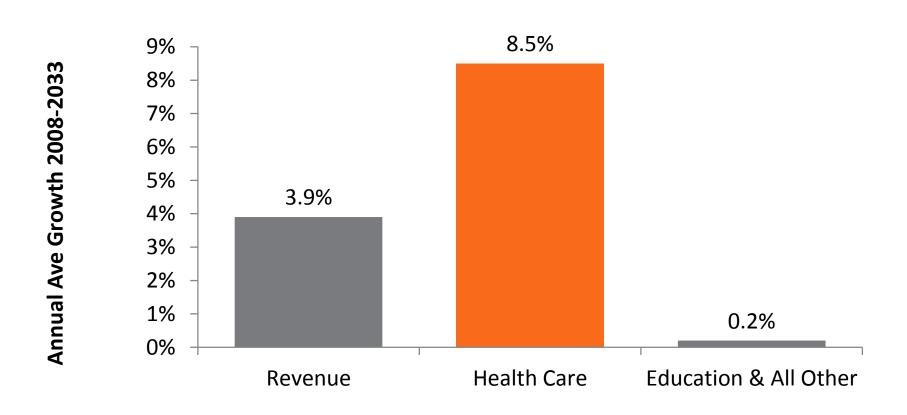




## For the first time in MN history: More 65+ than school-age by 2020



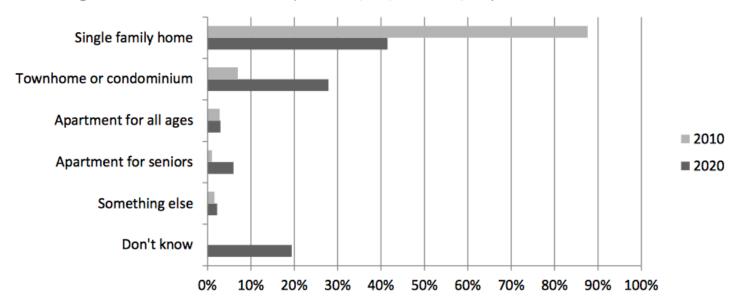
## From 2008: If State Health Care Costs Continue Their Current Trend, State Spending On Other Services Can't Grow



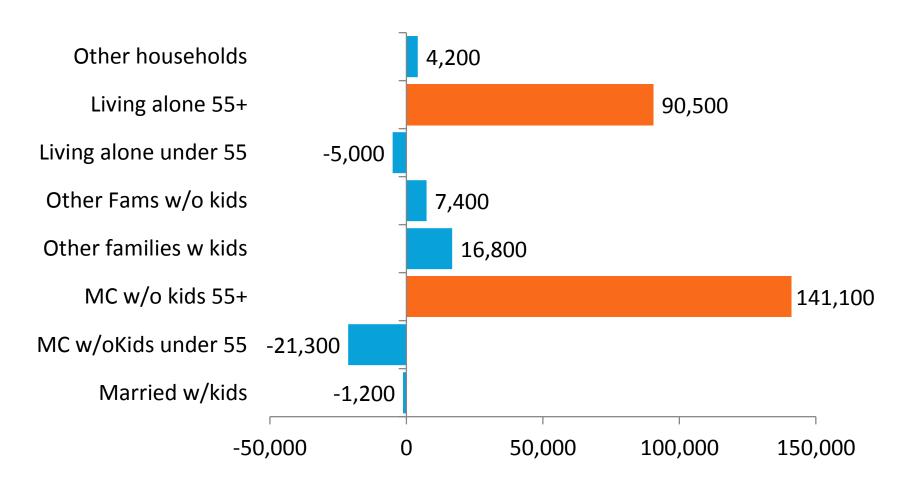


# Aging brings shift in the demand for housing

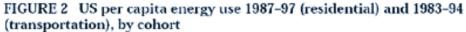
Figure 7: Types of Housing in 2010 as Compared to Expected Housing Types in 2020 for Respondents Considering a Move in the next Ten Years (2010 n=3,803; 2020 n=1,417)

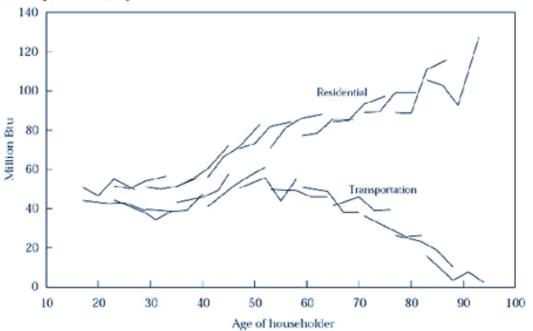


## Household Growth 2010-20 Will Be Older Empty Nesters And Older Living Alone



# Older adults consume more residential energy per capita



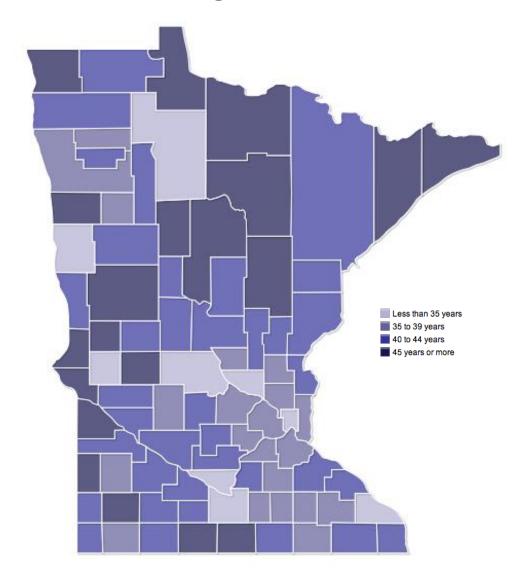


O'Neill and Chen, 2002: Demographic determinants of household energy use in the United States. Popul. Dev. Rev. 28:53-88.



Different regions of the state experience population aging along different timelines

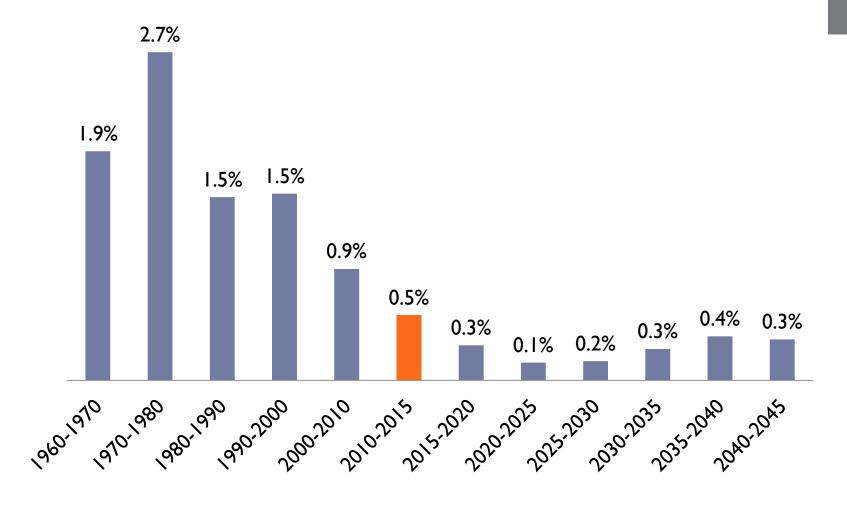
#### Median age, 2012



Source: U.S. Census Bureau via MN Compass.



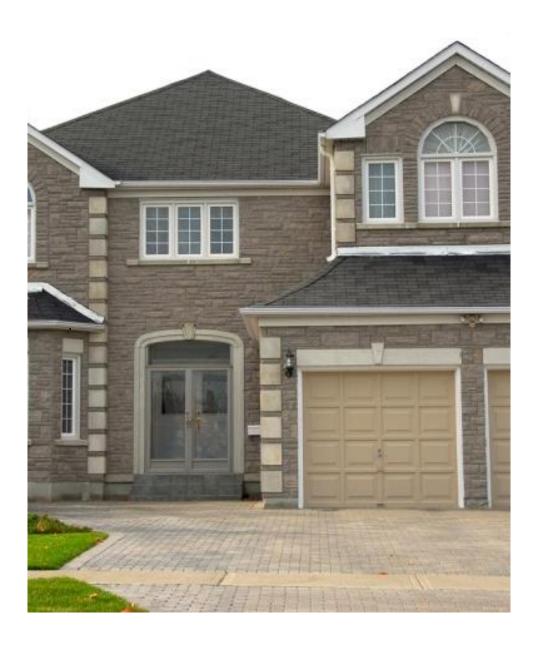
## Labor force growth is projected to slow

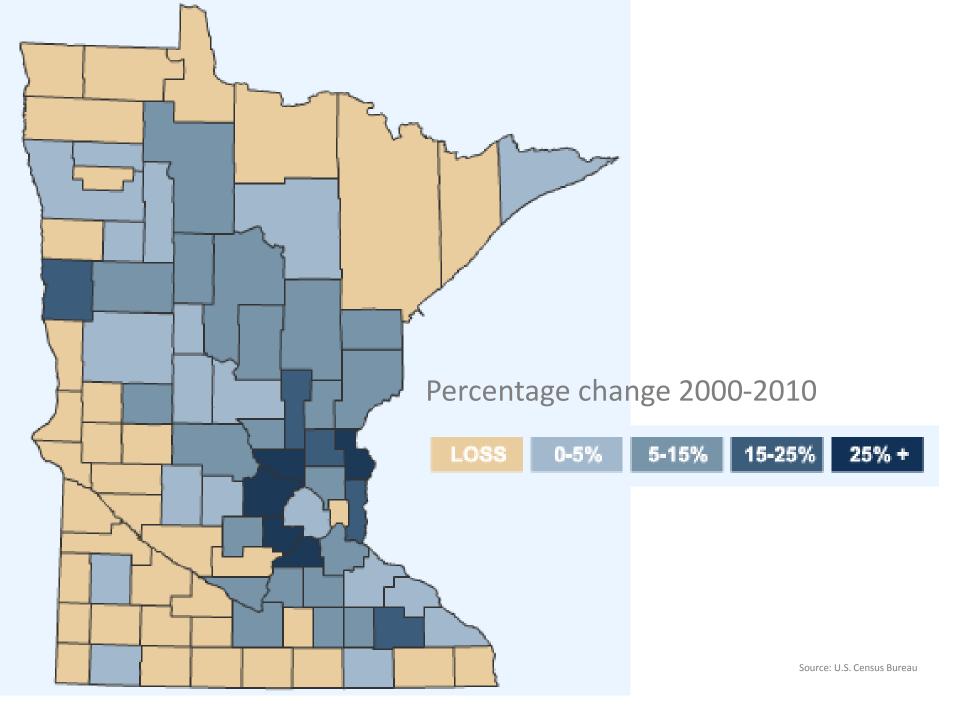




#### Trend #2

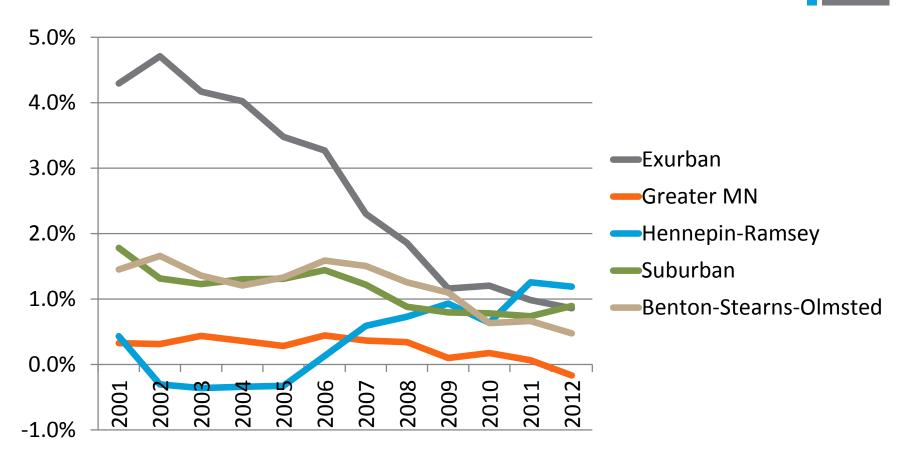
Growth around the state looks different



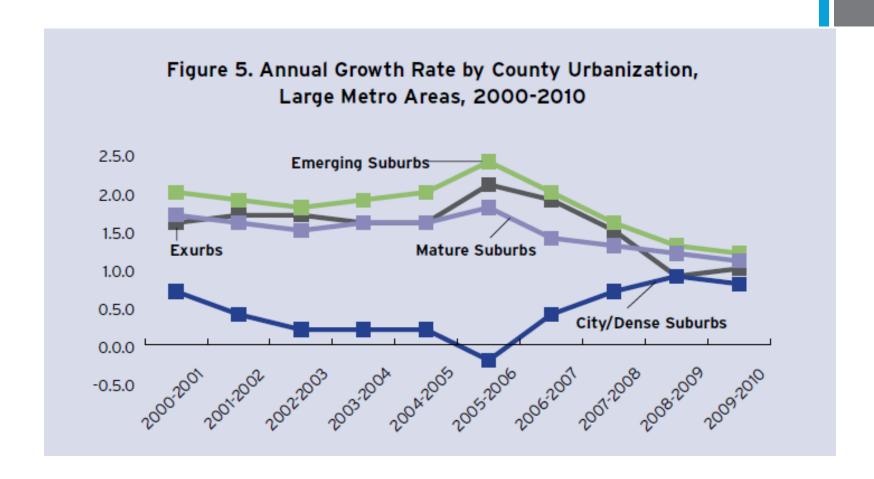




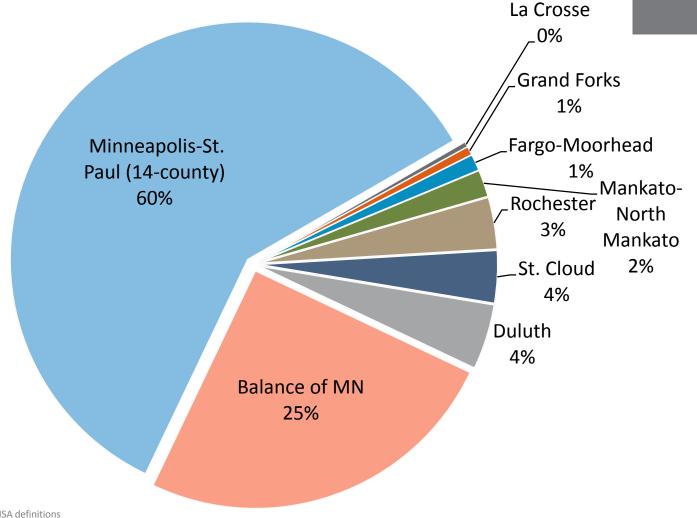
## Population growth rates have converged over the last decade

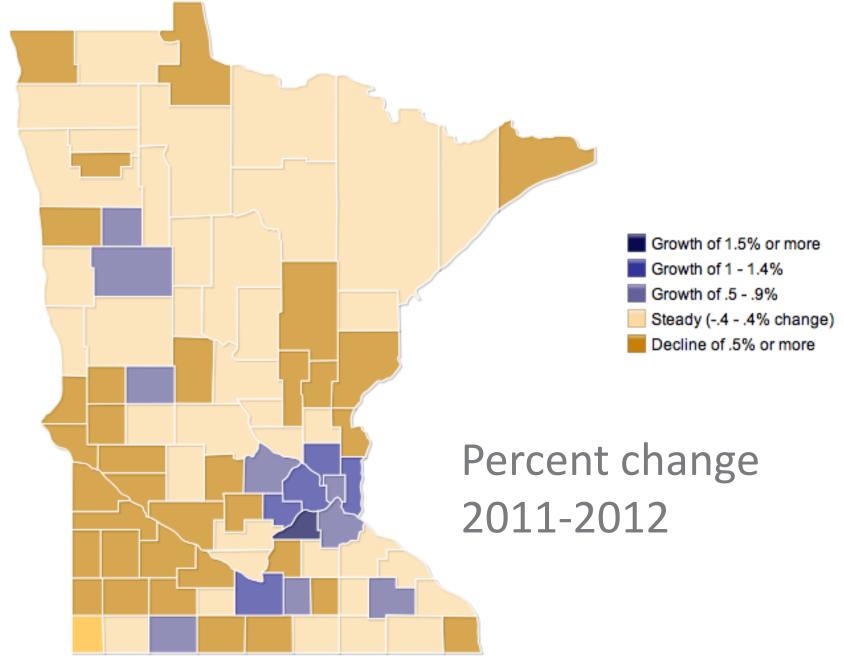


## Growth rates are converging nationally too

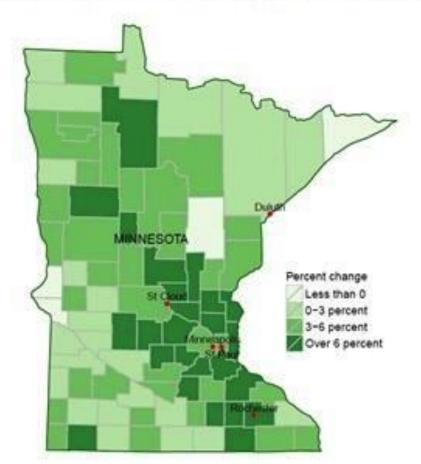


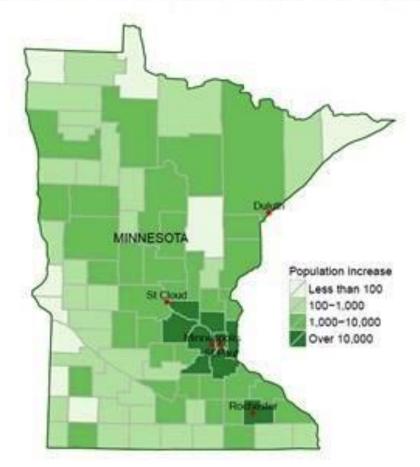
<sup>+</sup> Three quarters of the state lives in a metropolitan area, 2008-2012





Map 1: Projected rate of population growth, 2015 to 2025 Map 2: Projected absolute population growth, 2015 to 2025





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Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center



#### Trend #3:

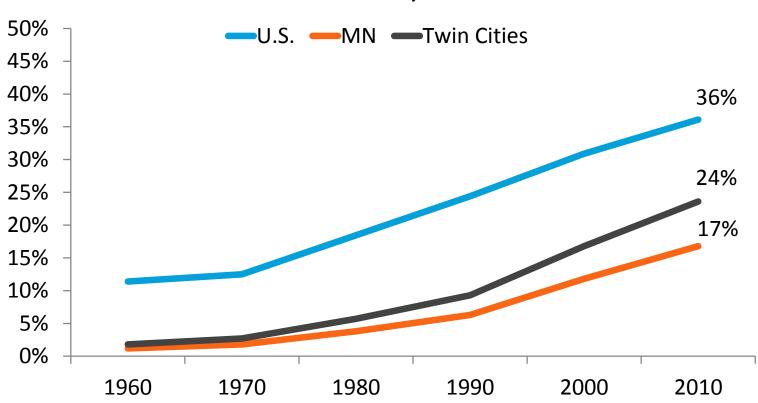
Minnesota and the Twin Cities are becoming more diverse





# 50 years of growing diversity in our region, state, nation

#### Percent Of Color, 1960-2010

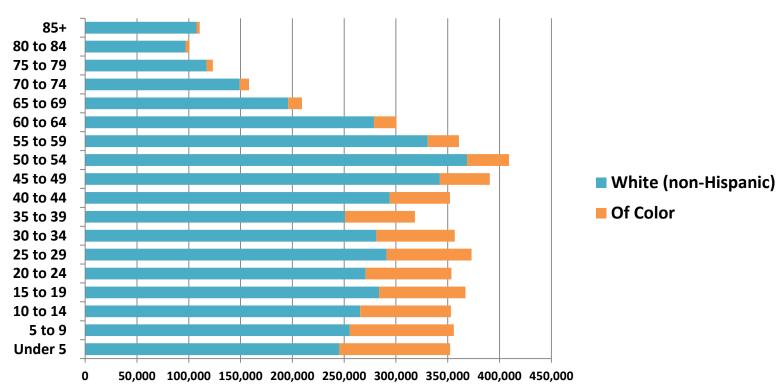




### A portrait of Minnesota, 2011

#### White (non-Hispanic) and Of Color Population

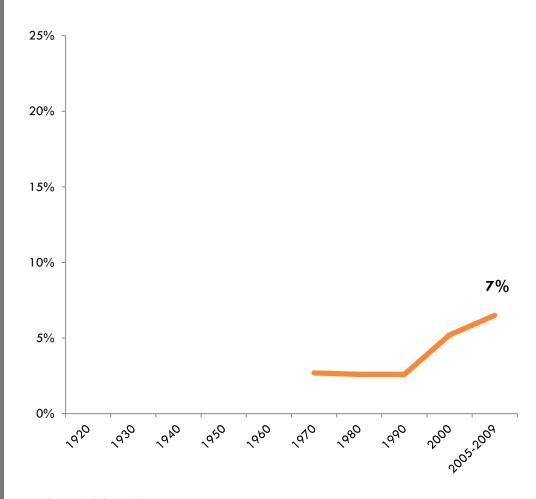
Minnesota, 2011





International immigration has been increasing in recent decades...

Percent Foreign Born Minnesota 1970-2009

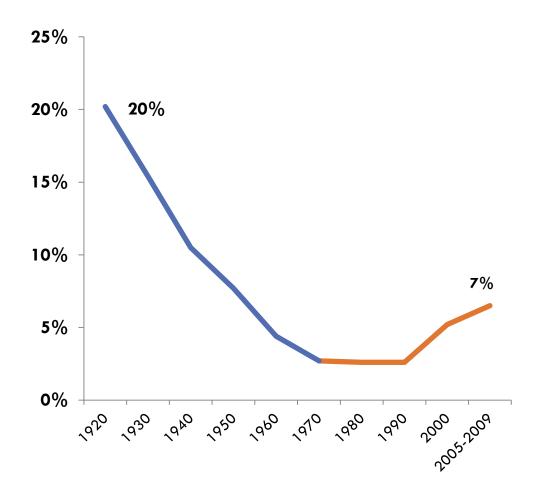


Source: U.S. Census Bureau



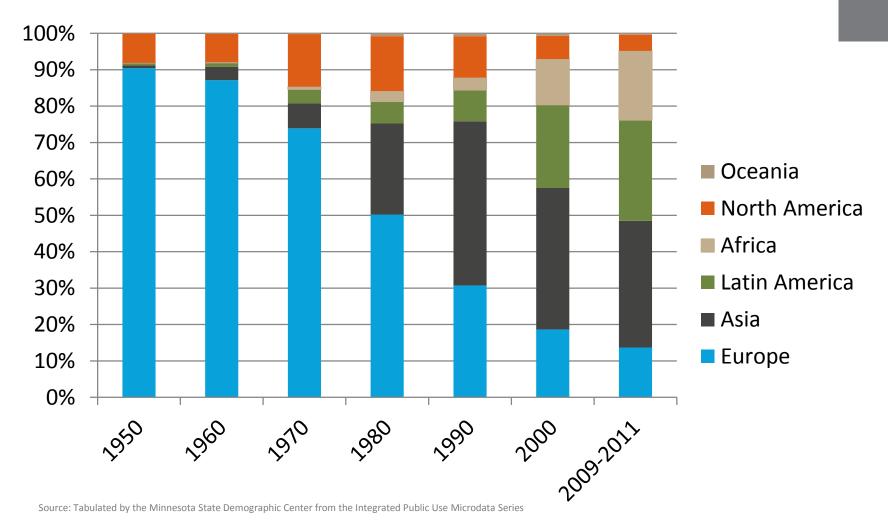
# ...but immigration is not a new phenomenon in MN

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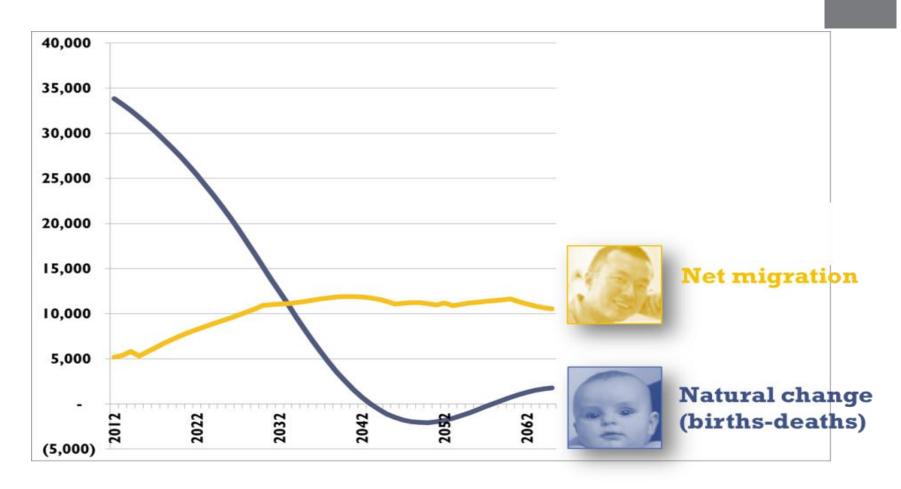


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# Our foreign-born population is becoming increasingly diverse



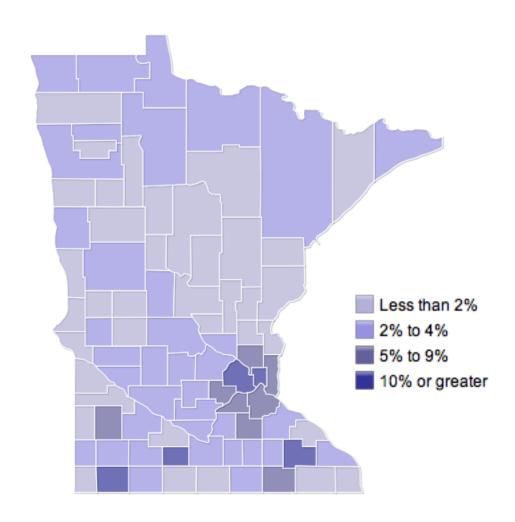
# Minnesota's projected net migration and natural change, 2012-2065





Younger age structure, population growth and immigration are related

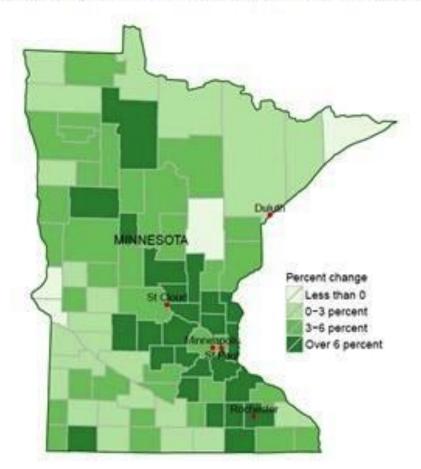
#### Percent foreign born, 2008-2012

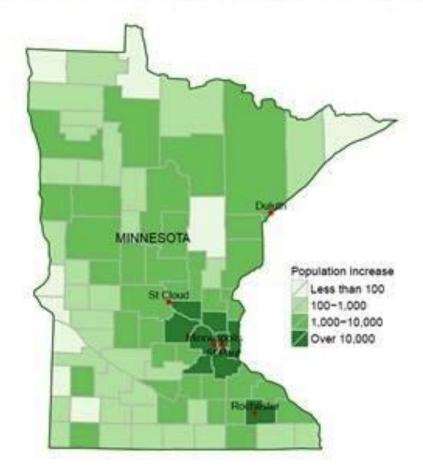


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## Considerations of Demographic Change

- Fewer school-age children relative to older adults will mean pressures to shift resources (public, nonprofit) from younger to older
- Age pattern to energy use older households consume more residential energy
- Population stability for many of Greater Minnesota counties
- Continued population growth and stability will increasingly rely on immigration



Population projections by MN region and county can be found here: www.demography.state.mn.us

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